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SUBJECT: GUINEA-BISSAU WRAP UP #2

1. CAPE VERDE-GUINEA-BISSAU ACCORDS. FOLLOWING UPON RECENT NEGOTIATIONS HELD IN PRAIA (WRAP UP #1), CAPE VERDEAN DELEGATION HEADED BY PEDRO PIRES VISITED BISSAU JULY 23-28. AFTER POLITICAL MEETING OF CSL LASTING WELL INTO NIGHT, COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ANNOUNCING SIGNING OF COMMERCIAL AND CUSTOMS AGREEMENT AND PAYMENTS AGREEMENT. WHILE DETAILS NOT KNOWN THESE AGREEMENTS, PAYMENTS AGREEMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE STEPS TOWARD UNIFIED CURRENCY. COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT WILL HAVE LITTLE PRACTICAL IMPACT IN VIEW NON COMPLEMENTARITY TWO ECONOMIES. TRADE BETWEEN TWO NOW CONSISTS OF CAPE VERDEAN SALT AND GUINEAN WOOD AND CORN. ALTHOUGH HAILED AS IMPORTANT STEP TO UNITY, THAT AGREEMENT COULD ONLY BE REACHED IN THESE TWO AREAS OF LESSER IMPORTANCE INDICATES CONTINUING PROBLEMS IN ACHIEVING POLITICAL UNION ENVISAGED BY PAIGC PROGRAM.

2. PARTY CONGRESS. POSTPONED THIRD PARTY CONGRESS NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TAKE PLACE AT AN AS YET UNDETER-
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MINED DATE DURING FIRST PART OF 1977. THIS DECISION

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APPARENTLY REACHED BY CSL MEETING JULY 23-26.
INTERESTINGLY, VENU OF CONGRESS MOVED FROM BISSAU
TO CAPE VERDEAN CITY OF MINDELO. THE ISLAND OF SAO
VINCENT, WHERE MINDELO IS LOCATED, HAS BEEN AN AREA
OF ANTI PAIGC ACTIVITITY.

3. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS. CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS
REPORTS, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS WHO REPLACED
EXPELLED PORTUGUESE ARE NOT CUBANS BUT ALGERIAN
MILITARY COOPERANTS.

4. IMF DELEGATION. THREE MAN IMF DELEGATION IN BISSAU FOR
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH GOGB ON RIGHTS AND
DUTIES MEMBERSHIP IN IMF AND TO CALCULATE BASIS GUINEAN
QUOTA REPORTED TO CHARGE THEY IMPRESSED BY CALIBER
HELMSMEN GUANEA-BISSAU ECONOMY AND PREDICTED MEMBERSHIP-
FORMALITIES COULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN YEAR. VISCO
CABRAL, ASCERBIC MIN OF ECO DEV AND PLANNING REPORTEDLY
INITIALLY HOSTILE TO CAPTIALISTIC IMF MEMBERSHIP AND
TO TEAM ITSELF BUT BNG (BANCO NACIONAL DA GUINE) GOVERNOR
VICTOR F. MONTEIRO WHO STRONGLY ARGURED FOR MEMBERSHIP
BASED ON SUBSEQUENT ELIGIBILITY WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE
WAS ABLE TO CONVICE DOUBTING CABRAL. INTERESTING SIDELIGHT
INTO CHARACTER POWERFUL CABRAL WHO PROBABLY FOURTH OR
FIFTH IN GUINEA-BISSAU POWER HIERARCHY PROVIDED BY TEAM
WHICH REPORTED CABRAL OMRUSKLY INTERRUPTED BUDGET DIRECTOR'S
PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS TO TEAM AND GROUP OF
ASSEMBLED MINISTERS AND OTHER TECHNOCRATS DISPUTING
FIGURES AND METHODS OF CALCULATION AND SUPPLYING
HIS OWN. BUDGET DIRECTOR IS CABRAL'S WIFE.

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